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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 4/2 (Revised)

PRIORITY LIST OF CRITICAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

In accordance with DCI 4/1, paragraph 3, the following list of critical national intelligence objectives is established to guide, on a priority basis, the production of intelligence and the collection of information by all appropriate agencies of the government. This list supersedes that contained in DCI 4/2, dated 28 September 1950.

1. Soviet capabilities and intentions with respect to war, particularly for:

a. taking direct military action against the Continental United States;

b. taking direct military action, employing USSR Armed Forces, against vital United States possessions, areas peripheral to the Soviet Union, and Western Europe;

c. interfering with United States strategic air attack;

d. interfering with United States movement of men and material by water transport;

e. production and stockpiling, including location of installations and facilities, of atomic and related weapons, other critical weapons and equipment, and critical transportation equipment.

2. Soviet capabilities and intentions for creating situations anywhere in the world dangerous to United States national security, short of commitment of Soviet Armed Forces, including foreign directed sabotage and espionage objectives.

3. Soviet capabilities and intentions for interfering with United States political, psychological, and economic courses of action for the achievement of critical United States aims and objectives.

4. Vulnerabilities in the internal Soviet power structure, in Soviet relations with its satellites and other key nations, and in the international Communist movement.

5. Capabilities and intentions of key non-Soviet and doubtfully oriented nations for supporting or obstructing the anti-Soviet "cold war" offensive, and the defensive build-up of the free world.

6. Indications of basic alterations in Soviet attitudes toward fundamental objectives of the United States and the free world.

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